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AT the meeting of the Works Committee held on Monday, October 23, 1911, at 4.45 p.m., there were:—

Present:
Messrs. H. De Gray (*Chairman*)
C. Selby Moore
T. E. Trueman

The meeting adjourned at 7.40 p.m.

AT the meeting of the Band Committee held on Tuesday, October 24, 1911, at noon, there were:—

Present:
Messrs. F. J. Burrett
R. Lundt
Absent: H. Figge

The meeting adjourned at 12.40 p.m.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 25, 1911, at 4.30 p.m., there were:—

Present:
Messrs. H. De Gray (*Chairman*)
C. E. Anton
E. E. Clark
E. J. Cornfoot
C. Selby Moore
T. E. Trueman
Absent: A. W. Burkill
H. Figge
E. C. Pearce

The meeting adjourned at 6.30 p.m.

Consular Body.

A letter from Mr. P. von Buri, Consul-General for Germany, informs the Council that he has resumed charge of the Consulate-General, with effect from October 23.

Volunteer Corps.

Maxim Company.—The resignation of Captain G. E. Stewart, owing to the absence of prospect of his return to Shanghai, has been accepted. Captain Stewart having served as an officer of the Corps since August 1900, retired rank has been conferred upon him, with the right to wear the prescribed uniform, in accordance with Article XIII of the Regulations.

Reserve Company.—Commissions as 2nd Lieutenant are authorized for issue to Colour-Sergeant H. W. Daldy and Sergeant K. D. Stewart.

Police.

Murder of Chinese Constable No. 664 (Mao Kiü-kong).—Continuation of the correspondence, published in the Gazette of August 24, as to the postponement of punishment of the convicted criminals:—

Shanghai, October 5, 1911.

SIR,—Acting upon the information contained in the Police report communicated to me on August 22 on the subject of the Mao Kiü-kong case, I wrote to the Taotai, protesting against the inexecution of the sentences passed on the two murderers. I am now in receipt of a reply from the Taotai, embodying a report from the City magistrate to the effect that the delay is not imputable to himself but to the rules of procedure which govern such cases in China and that he has just been directed by his superiors to bring Chen Ah-se before the next autumnal assize and to furnish a description of Chang Yung-kuei.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium, and Senior Consul.

H. DE GRAY, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Translation of dispatch from the Shanghai Taotai, Liu Yen-yi, to the Senior Consul, dated October 2, 1911.

On August 29 the Senior Consul's dispatch was received as to the case of Mao Kiu-kong, who was killed by stabbing by Chen Ah-se alias Canton Ah-se and by Chang Yung-kwe, which two criminals were sentenced respectively to beheading and banishment: stating that up to now they were still not dealt with accordingly: and requesting directions to the City Magistrate to investigate and reply.

On receipt of this the Taotai directed the City Magistrate to investigate and submit a reply. Thereafter the Shanghai City Magistrate submitted a statement as follows:—

"The two criminals in question were again interrogated by the City Magistrate last year and he proposed to commit them (to the Provincial Judge). Thereafter on September 11 of this year he received a dispatch from the Board directing that Chen Ah-se alias Canton Ah-se be dealt with at the ensuing Autumn Assize; and that Chang Yung-kwe be scrutinised, a description of his features being inserted in the register, and that a request be made by the Magistrate to his superiors to thereafter communicate with the Board. The City Magistrate on receipt of these directions thereafter made a report and requested his superiors to communicate with the Board.

The reason of this is that every important case judged by the Chinese Metropolitan Government must be the subject of an official dispatch received from the Board before it becomes a settled case. Of these, the offenders who are expectant of execution, strangulation, or captivity must further await treatment at the Autumn Assize, being included in the register as protracted and actual cases; and then must be sent to the Board with a request for an Imperial Edict and action accordingly. As for offenders sentenced to banishment and the military post roads, they also must, after settlement of their case, be the subject of a report to the Provincial Governor, who inscribes and issues a certificate for issue to the City Magistrate, before the concerned can be transferred. Such is the procedure of heretofore: and, by no means has the City Magistrate upon meeting with this case, delayed and protracted it. He submits this statement and requests its consideration and transmission."

The Taotai has accordingly to address this letter to the Senior Consul in reply, and trusts that he will take note.

Council Room,
Shanghai, October 19, 1911.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 5, on the subject of the unpunished murder of Chinese Constable No. 664 (Mao Kiu-kong). I have carefully read the statement embodied in the Taotai's dispatch to the Consular Body enclosed in your letter. It is difficult to follow the City Magistrate through the intricate technicalities therein propounded and I fear it would serve little purpose to do so, for almost daily illustrations show that criminal procedure in China permits the punishment of crime even more swiftly than that of other countries, whenever the officials concerned are willing and determined to apply it.

It will suffice if I allude to two points furnished by this document which seem to support the suggestion of intentional delay contained in the Council's letter of February 16, 1910, and repeated in the Police Report communicated to the Consular Body with my letter of August 22. Treatment at the autumnal Assize, so far as the Council can ascertain its significance, is an expedient which is recognized in many cases to involve indefinite postponement of punishment. Any criminal thus arraigned may obtain remand until the next autumnal Assize by the simple declaration that he has been wrongfully accused. In the second place I observe that the Magistrate's remarks are evidently intended to convey that punishment of the principal criminal will be entered in an official register and actually described as a case of a protracted kind, quite regardless of the fact that the criminals have long ago been found guilty.

From the whole history of the matter it is permissible to conclude that the involved procedure cited is now serving as a cloak for officially countenanced evasion. This cannot be too severely condemned. I have accordingly the honour to ask that the repeated efforts of the Consular Body to obtain execution of the sentence be continued without remission. The Council trusts that a further dispatch will be addressed to

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the Taotai at an early date firmly pressing for prompt punishment of these long since convicted murderers, and requesting that the day, time and place of the execution of Chen Ah-se, or of the next step to that end, be communicated to the Consular Body forthwith.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
HARRY DE GRAY,
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Captain-Superintendent.—Colonel C. D. Bruce returned from leave and resumed charge of the Force on October 24.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Hart Road.—Following upon the metalling of the Riding Track in the Sinza Road, it has been decided to metal the section of the Hart Road between the Sinza and Avenue Roads, at an estimated cost of Tls. 825.

Public Lighting.

Bubbling Well Road.—Upon the recommendation of the Engineer, the lighting of the Bubbling Well Road will be improved between Carter and Medhurst Roads by the substitution of two 200 c.p. and three 100 c.p. metallic filament lamps for the existing 60 c.p. lamps, at an additional expenditure of Tls. 91 per annum.

Thomas Hanbury School.

Correspondence as to the inclusion of this school among those supported directly out of the public funds :—

Shanghai, October 23, 1911.

SIR,—At a recent meeting of the Committee of the Thomas Hanbury School and Children's Home, Section XI of the Report of the General Educational Committee issued in June was read and considered.

The underlying proposal contained in this Report appears to be that the School shall become officially, what it is virtually, the public Municipal Eurasian School. This view the Committee has held for a number of years and still holds with increased strength.

We are of opinion that a Eurasian School is as essential a part of the Municipal Council's Education Scheme as are the existing schools for Foreign and Chinese children ; and we therefore trust that the Council will support our view that the cost of the Thomas Hanbury School, after deduction of the amount received in fees, shall take its place in the Budget of Expenditure sanctioned annually by the Ratepayers.

So far as the Committee is able to calculate, this step will involve an increase of the Council's present annual grant of Tls. 1,500 to a total appropriation of about Tls. 7,500, the figure being based upon the cost of the School during the past 5 years.

The first result of this step will be the discontinuance of the Committee's annual appeal to firms and residents in the Settlement for subscriptions and donations to the School funds. This appeal has been met during recent years in a most liberal manner, but the Committee has throughout these years felt that it would be preferable that no such levy were made, and that the Council should become the sole annual subscriber.

Under the Deed of Trust, the Council, being the sole annual subscriber, would nominate the whole of the Committee of the School, instead of as at present a portion thereof ; and the Committee's decisions recorded in minute books would suitably be confirmed by the Council as, I am informed, are those of the existing Municipal Schools. The staff would become Municipal servants ; would make their agreements with, and draw pay from, the Council, and would become entitled to the privileges and advantages of the Municipal Superannuation Fund.

The Committee has an invested sum of $56,000, which it is suggested may be held for the present, and hereafter used in any re-building or extension scheme which the Committee and the Council may decide upon in the future.

I have endeavoured in the foregoing to traverse all the points of the Committee's proposal, and nothing remains but for me to express the hope that the scheme as a whole may have the Council's approval and support.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
H. F. MERRILL,
President.

The CHAIRMAN,
Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, October 25, 1911.

SIR,—I am in receipt of your letter of October 23, the contents of which have had consideration at the Council's hands.

In reply thereto, I have pleasure in stating that the Council fully endorses the views expressed in this communication, and will make the necessary provision in the Budget to be submitted for the Ratepayers' approval in March next.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
HARRY DE GRAY,
Chairman.

H. F. MERRILL, Esq.,
President,
Thomas Hanbury School Committee.

Municipal Staff.

Police Force.—The resignation of Sub-Inspector Thomas under medical certificate is accepted with effect from Nov. 1.

Sergeant Whiting is transferred for duty at the Mixed Court with effect from October 1.

Second-Class Sergeant T. Lynch is promoted to be 1st Class Sergeant with effect from October 4.

The appointment of the following Sergeants is confirmed with effect from August 25:—

W. Abbott
M. L. Baillie
H. Murray
J. A. Nield
A. Paterson
B. J. Selvey
A. W. Thompson
T. Walls.

The following are promoted to the rank of 2nd Class Constable:—

B. Keating	from	October 11.
W. R. Marler	,,	,,
T. H. Odey	,,	,,
H. Young	,,	,,
C. S. Coulter	,,	October 28.
F. W. Hart	,,	,,
E. F. Walker	,,	,,

The appointment of the following Probationary Constables is confirmed:—

H. P. Findlay	from	September 24.
J. Griffin	,,	,,
E. King	,,	,,
J. C. Proudlock	,,	,,
G. Theobald	,,	,,
J. D. Acton	,,	October 6.
H. Champney	,,	,,
G. S. Dovey	,,	,,
F. J. Miles	,,	,,
Donald McInnes	,,	,,

The following recruits, who arrived by the s.s. "Ceylon," are appointed Probationary Constables with effect from October 25 :—

T. Freeborn
T. S. Fry
P. Keane
F. Richardson
J. Rowan
G. W. Skilton
A. S. Sullivan
J. J. Walsh

Health Department.—The appointment of Assistant Inspector Ambrose is confirmed with effect from October 11.

The service of Sanitary Overseer Warwick will terminate on Nov. 10.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, October 22, 1911.	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 13,770	Deaths among Chinese population of 492,000
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	1	—
Diphtheria.	0	2
Scarlet Fever.	1	0
Tuberculosis	0	22
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	3	149

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer

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Plans of New Buildings Approved.

Cad. lot.	Road.	Name.	Description.
			Chinese.
968	Shanhai-kwan	Chinese	11 houses
187	Sungkiang	do.	LanternLight
1870	Chengtu	do.	3 houses
859	EastYuhang	do.	5 houses
213	do.	do.	23 houses
7480	Bombay	do.	Rebuilding
7481			

Public Band.

The performances next week will, weather permitting, be as follows :—

Mon. Oct. 30, 5 p.m. Public Garden.
Tues. „ 31, 5 „ Hongkew Recreation Ground.
Wed. Nov. 1, 5 „ Public Garden.
Thur. „ 2, 5 „ „
Fri. „ 3, 5 „ Hongkew Recreation Ground.
Sat. „ 4, 4 „ Public Recreation Ground.

Land Assessment.

The following are the values placed on lots in the Eastern District, Section B, by Messrs. Algar and Peebles, as a basis for taxation. The usual notices to lot-owners are being distributed, allowing for protest at these assessments within 30 days :—

Cadastral Number of lot.	Value per mow Tls.	Cadastral Number of lot.	Value per mow Tls.
6000	3,000	6070	500
6001	2,500	6071	300
6003	2,500	6079	500
6012	2,500	6080	500
6013	2,500	6081	500
6015	2,000	6083	500
6016	1,200	6086	200
6017	1,500	6102	200
6018	1,200	6106	200
6020	1,800	6112	500
6022	500	6113	500
6023	1,800	6126	500
6024	1.500	6221	500
6025	1,000	6260	500
6026	1,200	6319	500
6030	1,200	6340	100
6031	1,200	6440	200
6032	1,200	6445	500
6033	1,000	6446	500
6034	nominal	6449	500
6037	700	6453	600
6039	600	6455	250
6040	600	6457	200
6042	1,200	6464	200
6043	800	6533	100
6044	1,200	6560	100
6046	800	6585	100
6050	600	6590	100
6052	600	6644	500
6054	1,200	6646	600
6058	1,200	6650	600
6060	1,200	6651	500
6061	800	6652	600
6062	600	6660	200
6065	1,200	6670	200
6066	1,200	6675	200
6067	1,200	6680	200
6068	500	6690	200

Cadastral Number of lot.	Value per mow Tls	Cadastral Number of lot.	Value per mow Tls.
6691	200	7482	300
6695	200	7498	200
6753	150	7500	300
6812	200	7512	250
6813	200	7515	250
6814	200	7516	250
6816	200	7518	200
6817	200	7520	200
6818	200	7530	200
6821	200	7531	200
6827	200	7533	200
6835	1,600	7534	200
6837	1,000	7540	900
6838	1,000	7544	300
6842	1,000	7546	250
6843	1,000	7547	250
6848	1,000	7550	250
6854	1,200	7562	2,000
6855	900	7566	2,000
6858	900	7571	800
6860	2,000	7572	1,500
6863	2,000	7573	2,000
6864	2,000	7574	1,500
6865	1,500	7600	300
6867	2,000	7676	500
6868	500	7677	2,000
6872	500	7678	2,000
6900	200	7681	2,000
7005	150	7682	1,200
7006	150	7684	900
7007	200	7721	200
7008	150	7850	200
7070	150	7894	300
7082	200	7895	250
7084	200	7899	250
7088	200	8000	300
7090	200	8001	300
7100	200	8002	300
7101	200	8007	600
7165	200	8008	600
7206	200	8009	500
7220	200	8010	500
7250	150	8011	600
7290	250	8015	300
7300	200	8019	700
7460	500	8020	500
7477	300	8024	400
7478	250	8031	800
7479	400	8032	800
7480	400	8033	2,000
7481	300	8036	2,000

The reason for not placing alternative values on Riverine frontage lots in this Section, is contained in the following letter :—

Shanghai, October 10, 1911.

Dear Sir,—In further reference to your letter of August 24 dealing with lots with river frontage in the Eastern District and requesting that we should place alternative values on such lots, We beg to inform you that we have carried out this request in so far as Section A is concerned. With regard to Section B it is our opinion that the latent rights to Shengko are not of sufficient value to warrant the expenditure entailed by Shengkoing, filling and bunding. And further it is our opinion that until at least the next quinquennial assessment, a deep water frontage in this section will be of no commercial value.

Yours faithfully,

A. E. Algar,
Philip Peebles.

W. E. Leveson, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Proceedings at the Mixed Court

During the week ending Saturday, October 21, 1911.

APPREHENSIONS.	Male	Female
1.—Offences Against the Person :—		
Assault	5	1
Kidnapping	7	5
Murder (Attempted)	1	
Wounding	2	
Abduction	1	
2.—Offences Against Property :—		
Burglary	4	
Cruelty to Animals	2	
Fraud	1	
House breaking...	1	
Larceny	80	4
Receiving stolen property ...	2	
Unlawful possession	6	
3.—Offences of a Public Nature :—		
Breaches of Licence Conditions:—		
Livery Stable ...	2	
Public Ricsha ...	312	
Tea Shop	1	
Pawn Shop	1	
Wheel-barrow ...	5	
Cart	3	
Laundry ... —	1	
Breaches of Municipal Bye-laws and Regulations :—		
Cart	2	
House Refuse... ...	8	
Illegal Arrest ...	4	
Nuisance	205	
Soliciting		9
Traffic	164	1
Wheel-barrow ...	25	
Fireworks	1	
Livery Stable... ...	1	
Lodging House...	1	
Fighting and creating a disturbance	19	3
Gambling	15	
Loitering with Intent	7	
Returning from expulsion ...	6	
Trafficking in Women or children		1
Vagrancy	21	1
Opium	2	
Gaol breaking	1	
4.—Miscellaneous Cases :—		
Insanity...	1	1
Stray Children	4	3
Various	2	3
5.—Civil Cases	12	
Total...	938	32

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PUNISHMENTS AND DECISIONS.	Male	Female
Bail Forfeited	632	
Compensation	2	
Dismissed	19	3
Fined	123	1
Handed to Parents (or) Guardians	2	1
Imprisonment	103	19
Imprisonment and expulsion ...	15	
Left to Native Court	6	
Reformatory	1	
Released on Security	3	1
Sent to City Magistrate ...		2
Sent to other Native authorities	5	1
Sent to Door of Hope		1
Sent to Sinza Refuge	22	3
To pay license fee	1	
Ponies to be sold	1	
Civil judgment satisfied ...	2	
To satisfy civil judgment within a month	1	
TOTAL...	938	32

HOUSE OF DETENTION FOR MALES.

Inmates at beginning of week... ...	90
Received during the week	3
Released during the week	16
Remaining at the end of week... ...	77

FEMALE WARD.

Inmates at beginning of week ...	136
Received during the week	34
Released during the week	38
Remaining at the end of week... ...	132

SUMMONSES AND WARRANTS.

Summonses issued	41
Summonses served	43
Warrants issued	16
Warrants executed	7

K. J. McEUEN,
Acting Captain-Superintendent of Police.

Electrical Engineer's Report for August.

Generation.—The station was not operating under good conditions inasmuch as one of the 800 K.W. turbo-alternators was out of commission for the greater part of the month, during which the re-winding of the alternator for 2-phase working was in hand. Then again the Howden-Siemens sets were run frequently on the 2 to 3-phase large transformers to dry out the moisture and get them into condition for service. Although all this was very necessary yet the machines were not running as revenue producers, consequently the operating expenses in August are higher than they would have been in normal circumstances.

Coal, Water and Oil.—Affected by the above conditions the consumption of coal, water and oil was unduly high.

Distribution.—High-tension Feeders extended in the following roads :—

No. 4 Astor	313 yds.	.159
No. 6 Soochow	336 ,,	.022
	649 yds.	=.36 miles.

Low-tension Distributors extended in the following roads :—

E. Seward	210 yds.	.022
Old China Street	120 ,,	.022
Woosung (Alleyway)	80 ,,	.022
Hanbury	295 ,,	.034
,, (Alleyway)	156 ,,	.022
Ward	884 ,,	.022
Alabaster	756 ,,	.060
Jessfield	508 ,,	—
,,	254 ,,	.034
Peking	190 ,,	.034
Soochow	98 ,,	.159
	3,551 yds.	=2.01 miles.

Low-tension Feeders run in the following roads :—

Boone	873 yds.	.159
Szechuen & Canton	389 ,,	.159
	1.262 yds.	=.71 mile.

Public Lighting.—9 additional lamps connected in the Hongkew Recreation Ground.

Wire was run in Nanyang Road for public lighting... ...	1,096 yds.	·012
Underground in the Hongkew Recreation Ground	769 ,,	·0053 twin lead covered
	1,865 ,,	1.05 miles

Sub-Station.—1 additional 20 K.W. Transformer was erected on a pole in the Soochow Road, West of Chekiang Road.

98 new poles were erected.
65 poles renewed.

Lamps connected.—The equivalent of 5,845 lamps was connected in August: last year in the same month the number was 1,180. Total connected to mains 247,143.

Motors.—Five additional motors were connected aggregating 32.7 horse-power. Total motors connected 215. Total aggregate horse-power 1,494.

Units sold.—A noticeable increase in the units sold, from 558,474 in August last year to 674,199 this August or 21 per cent. will be noted.

COMPARATIVE TABLE.

	AUGUST. 1910.	1911.
Total lamps connected	203,126	247,143
Lamps connected during month	1,180	5,845
House service connexions	51	58
Motors, horse power, to date	938	1494,06
Units generated	618,225	775,796
Units sold	558,474	674,199
Ratio between units generated and sold	% 90.33	86.90
Private lighting	250,586	254,476
Public lighting	62,035	77,847
Heating	13	1,859
Power	46,929	54,182
Traction	171,504	213,736
Units accounted for	27,407	32,072
Coal tons	1,483	1,907
Coal per unit generated, lbs.	5.37	5.51
Coal per unit sold ,,	5.95	6.33
Oil gallons	168	195
Water ,,	77,000	710,000
Revenue Tls.	47,467	51,496
Expenditure ,,	42,783	46,425
Profit for month ,,	4,684	5,071
Profit to date ,,	57,476	56,720

Financial.—The profit made during the month was Tls. 5,071 as against Tls. 4,684 in August 1910, the profit to date being Tls. 56,720 as against Tls. 57,476. In comparing the profit to date two things are to be remembered, firstly, that there is no revenue from meters this year, and, secondly, that revenue has to meet an interest and depreciation account, amounting in the eight months to Tls. 147,143 instead of Tls. 133,520 for the corresponding period last year, or an additional Tls. 13,623. As far as I can judge there is every prospect of the estimated profit on the year's working being realized.

General.—On August 27 the station was changed from a single to a two-phase one. This change over is all part of the scheme for supplying 3-phase current for power purposes, and for enabling the new Riverside power station to link up with Fearon Road. It is hoped that 3-phase current will be available in the Northern and Western districts during November.

Numerous applications are already being received for the hire of electric radiators. Last winter we had a very small stock only which was quickly disposed of, so with the arrival of a large stock in a few weeks the prospects of a good business in electric radiators seem very good. At the low prices charged for hire, and the cheap rate for electricity for heating (Tl. 0.035 per unit) electric radiators are finding great favour on account of their absolute safety, portability, efficiency, cheapness and cleanliness, besides which they do not smell.

All the motors which arrived in the middle of August have already been hired out to consumers. At the present time there are prospective power users awaiting the arrival of the new consignment of motors. This indicates very forcibly how electricity is actively taking its place in the industrial life of Shanghai, and that power users, guided by the experience of the earlier converts to electricity are availing themselves of the advantages which electricity offers in the industrial field.

T. H. U. ALDRIDGE,
Electrical Engineer.

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Summary of Revenue for September.

Description	Estimate for 1911	1911			1910			1909		
		Number	Amount	Total from January 1.	Number	Amount	Total from January 1.	Number	Amount	Total from January 1.
	Tls.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
LAND TAX	690,500	—	26,794.19	667,217.56	—	44,078.28	652,458.98	—	42,824.88	657,615.79
GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE—										
Foreign	495,000	—	33,191.45	365,032.60	—	29,711.05	357,202.80	—	16,745.06	359,188.36
Native	665,000	—	11,791.99	498,224.30	—	7,913.85	499,902.15	—	22,190.83	500,639.94
WHARFAGE DUES	175,000	—	47,408.52	141,907.11	—	40,128.20	127,746.78	—	44,845.24	130,142.95
LICENCE FEES—										
Tavern	16,000	2	2.00	11,436.50	3	57.00	10,935.00	1	21.00	8,825.01
Foreign Liquor Seller	19,000	1	50.00	14,040.02	1	22.20	12,588.88	2	53.26	13,124.92
Billiard and Bowling Saloon	700	0	—	534.00	—	—	550.00	—	—	453 00
Native Club	3,000	1	12.50	2,112.50	—	—	2,245.83	—	—	1,583.33
Native Lodging-house	7,100	7	9.00	5,102.50	5	31.00	5,257.20	6	23.00	5,336 00
Native wine-shop	25,000	6	31.50	18,937.00	5	24.00	14,387.00	7	25.50	10,831.50
Tea-shop	9,600	582	814.80	7,339.70	592	786.20	7,109.00	595	773.00	6,181.76
Foreign Theatre	5,000	24	318.00	3,226.00	29	399.00	3,701.60	27	387.00	3,396.00
Native Theatre	5,700	21	552.00	4,974.00	24	582.00	4,006.00	24	396.00	3,222.50
Pawn-shop	18,500	—	—	15,352.31	—	—	14,477.74	—	—	12,338.22
Opium-shop	60,000	356	5,546.50	46,726.00	309	5,129.00	39,779.00	240	2,325.00	15,134.70
Opium-house	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	300	2,816.50	32,264.92
Cargo Boat	5,500	810	477.83	4,162.21	927	519.32	4,087.97	996	496.72	3,858.60
Ferry and Passenger Boat	1,100	53	80.03	800.20	58	85.85	803.69	61	90.64	804.57
Steam Launch	2,300	37	55.87	1,685.69	49	72.62	1,681.12	46	68.26	1,681.94
Native Boat	3,300	1,626	295.93	2,541.14	1,660	275.96	2,425.85	1,670	291.19	2,561.77
Sampan	1,200	155	116.29	823.69	183	135.44	986.68	201	149.32	1,057.20
Private-owned Pony and Carriage	15,000	P. 9 C. 6	15.10	10,423.99	P. 95 C. 84	335.99	11,289.19	P. 95 C. 72	323.61	12,008.91
Livery Stable	26,000	P. 699 C. 537	2,123.88	19,059.43	P. 717 C. 575	2,200.98	20,379.39	P. 759 C. 593	2,325.23	20,756.85
Motor Car	7,000	12	53.40	5,846.13	12	81.72	3,952.19	13	41.00	2,251.00
Cart	19,500	885	1,332.50	14,245.50	900	1,436.00	15,132.50	923	1,436.00	13,715.43
Private-owned Ricsha	41,500	101	146.21	30,236.87	175	314.39	30,989.48	176	303.08	30,533.84
Public Ricsha	130,000	6,078	9,076.28	86,358.90	7,449	11,010.62	96,022.11	8,248	9,192.29	84,185.62
Sedan-chair	3,000	21	40.98	1,383.52	35	72.27	2,246.68	37	83.93	3,283.43
Wheel-barrow	32,000	5,015	2,513 26	23,940.56	5,575	2,792.42	26,311.43	6,504	3,256.69	27,327.39
Firearms	1,500	—	—	1,275.00	—	—	1,125.00	—	—	1,800.00
Dog	1,000	87	65.31	1,253.05	39	28.82	754.97	76	56.70	844.72
RENT OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES—										
Markets	40,900	3,401	3.321.25	29,243.27	3,404	3,316.86	29,072.19	3,305	3,254.65	27,675.00
Town Hall	1,000	—	—	390.00	—	30.00	490.00	—	—	570.00
Firemen's Quarters	2,500	—	171.00	1,527.68	—	172.00	1,397.71	—	388.00	1,589.00
Cadastral Lot 167	7,300	—	589.60	4,847.16	—	—	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous	700	—	80.75	454 16	—	103.70	660.02	—	—	562.04
FROM PUBLIC COMPANIES—										
Gas Co., Ld.	5,000	—	394.77	3,558.31	—	414.94	3,948.51	—	467.95	4,333.91
Mutual Telephone Co. Ld.	4,000	—	—	5,000.00	—	—	4,000.00	—	—	3,000.00
Electric Construction Co. Ld.	21,500	—	6,105.95	16,863.39	—	5,417.87	14,876.77	—	4,181.83	11,870.36
Total Tls.	2,567,900		153,578.64	2,068,081.95		157,679.55	2,024,981.41		159,833.36	2,016,550.48

E. L. ALLEN, *Overseer of Taxes.*

Record of Calls on the Fire Brigade for September.

Date	Time of Alarm	Municipal and Fire Districts	Road	Class of Fire	Class of Building	Alarm	Extent of Damage	Last Company Left	Remarks
Sept. 5	3.35 a.m.	Northern 1	Broadway	Small	Foreign	Bell	Roof damaged	4.40 a.m.	
5	5.05 a.m.	Central 4	Hankow	..	Native	..	5 buildings damaged	5.40 a.m.	
16	11.30 p.m.	Outside Limits	Haining Road Extension	Medium	..	Telephone	8 buildings damaged		Hongkew Co. attended.
18	3.45 a.m.	Central 4	Yunnan	Small	..	Bell	5 buildings damaged	4.20 a.m.	
22	7.20 p.m.	.. 4	Shangtung	..	..	..	Slight		Put out by Police and inmates
24	12.00 a.m.	Outside Limits	Alabaster Road Extension	Medium	..	Hongkew bell	—	1.15 a.m.	
28	8.15 p.m.	Central 4	Honan	Small	..	Bell	1 damaged	8.30 p.m.	

SUMMARY:—During the month of September the Brigade was called to:—

7 fires, including 6 bell and 1 telephone alarms.

5 small and 2 medium fires.

1 fire in foreign buildings and 6 in native buildings.

1 in Northern, 4 in Central, and 2 Outside Limits, Northern District.

A. W. MACPHAIL,
Acting Chief Engineer.

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TENDERS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING MUNICIPAL TENDERS.

1.—The Council reserves to itself the right to accept the whole or part of any tender.

2.—The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender or to pay any expenses which the tenderer may incur in tendering.

3.—The contractor whose tender is eventually accepted may be required to give satisfactory security for the performance of the contract.

4.—The names of tenderers, with the prices quoted, will be published in the Municipal Gazette.

5.—A fee may be charged for specifications, to be returned upon receipt of a *bonâ fide* tender.

6.—Tenders should be sealed and labelled on the outside as to their contents. They should be forwarded, preferably by chit book or registered letter, to "The Secretary, Municipal Council, 23 Kiangse Road," not later than noon on the day fixed for their receipt.

THE COUNCIL INVITES TENDERS AS FOLLOWS:—

POLICE FORCE.

Further information on the subject of tenders under this Section may be obtained upon application at the Depot, Gordon Road.

No.		Fee	Date for receipt of tenders
2	3,500 yards Camlet, to be delivered by January 15. 1,000 Blankets 84″ by 60″ to be delivered by December 31.	— —	Extended to October 31.
3	2,000 pairs British Army Pattern Ankle Boots. 80 yards Blue Beaver Cloth, No. 1 Quality. 2,000 yards Blue Beaver Cloth, No. 3 Quality. 4,000 yards Indigo Blue Serge. 800 yards Khaki Woollen Serge. 2,000 yards Grey Cotton Lining. 50 pairs Blankets, White, 63″ × 80″, 6-lb. per pair. 100 pairs Blankets, Brown Army, 68″ × 90″, 10-lb. per pr.	— — — — — — — —	December 7.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Plans, specifications and all necessary information on the subject of tenders under this section may be obtained upon application at the Public Works Office, Hankow Road.

No.		Fee	Date for receipt of tenders.
4	Shovels, pickaxes, and other implements.	—	October 26.

ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT.

Further particulars as to these tenders may be obtained upon application to Messrs. Preece, Cardew & Snell, 8 Queen Anne's Gate, London, S.W.

No.		Fee	Date for receipt of tenders.
1A.	Underground High-tension Electric Cable System:— 3,620 yards 3 core paper-insulated lead-covered 6,600 volt cable, with stoneware troughing, and bitumen therefor. 10 Straight-through joint boxes and 3 straight-through disconnecting boxes for above cable.	—	—
2A.	3 Single-phase Transformers, 25 Kilowatt.	—	—

TENDERS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AS FOLLOWS:—

Supplying and fixing a chip drying furnace at the Soochow Road Depôt:—

Fah Shing Ironworks	Tls. 344
Hop Cheong Ironworks	234
*Soy Chong	223

Supply of about 20,000 bundles of Brushwood for the new Rifle Butts at the Range:—

Chang Fook Kee	Tls. 3,330
Koo Yao Kee	„ 3,120
*Dsing Zung Lai	„ 1,850

* Accepted.

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